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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

**Present Application:**

Applicants : William L. Hunter and Lindsay S. Machan  
Title : *COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR TREATING OR  
PREVENTING DISEASES OF BODY PASSAGEWAYS*  
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**Prior Application:**

Examiner : Edward J. Webman  
Art Unit : 1617  
Application No. : 09/933,652

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**REMARKS**

Commissioner for Patents:

The above-identified patent application is a continuation of pending United States Patent Application No. 09/933,652, filed August 20, 2001, now allowed; which is a continuation of abandoned United States Patent Application No. 08/653,207, filed May 24, 1996 to which priority is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §120.

The Cross-Reference to Related Application paragraph has been amended to include the parent application information. No new matter has been added.

With regard to the claims, originally filed claims 1-13 of parent application 08/653,207, filed May 24, 1996, are currently pending.

CONCLUSION


In view of the state of the art at the time of filing of the priority application as disclosed in the specification and recited in claims 1-13, the present application complies with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112. Accordingly, the present application teaches a person of ordinary skill in the art how to readily make and use, without undue experimentation, methods for treating or preventing diseases associated with body passageways, comprising the step of delivering to an external portion of the body passageway a therapeutic agent. The claims are, therefore, in condition for allowance.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (206) 622-4900.



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